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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF; RP CAROLIPIO
SUBJECT: APPLICANT FOR REFUGEE STATUS - DIONISIO BADILLO CAROLIPIO

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING CLAIM FOR REFUGEE STATUS.

2. SUBJECT WAS BORN OCTOBER 9, 1936 IN SANTO TOMAS. HE ENTERED U.S. JANUARY 30, 1972 AS TOURIST. HE HAS REMAINED HERE SINCE THAT DATE. CAROLIPIO ENTERED INTO A FRAUDULANT MARRIAGE IN 1972 IN ATTEMPT TO ADJUST STATUS. AT THE TIME OF DEPORTATION HEARING HE APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

3. SUBJECT CLAIMS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MAXIMILIANO MEDALLA WHO WAS GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER IN SANTO TOMAS. MEDALLA ASKED CAROLIPIO ON BEHALF OF SENATOR BENIGNO AQUINO TO PURCHASE 20 AUTOMATIC WEAPON IN CAVITE CITY. (AQUINO IS PELT "ARQUINO" THROUGHOUT SUBJECTS DEPOSITION). THE WEAPONS WERE TO BE USED TO INFLUENCE VOTING IN FAVOR OF AQUINO WHO WAS PLANNING TO RUN IN 1973. SUBJECT WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE FIVE WEAPONS WHICH WERE USED IN ATTEMPTED

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1971 ASSASSINATION OF JOSE LAUREL, FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER AND

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INFLUENTIAL NATIONALIST PARTY MEMBER IN BATANGAS. CAROLIPIO ASSERTS THAT GOP KNOWS THATIMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ASSASSI-NATION ATTEMPT HE WAS IN VEHCILE WITH THREE OF ASSASSINS -

EVARESTO MADRIAGA, ROMEO EVANGELISTA AND LAURO BADILLO WHO IS CAROLIPIO'S UNCLE. CAROLIPIO ASSERTS THAT HE DID NOT ACCOMPANY MEN TO SCENE OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. HE AND OTHER THREE WERE ARRESTED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER SHOOTING BUT THEY WERE IN JAIL ONLY FOR ONE HOUR AND RE-LEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. AFTER MARTIAL LAW, OTHER THREE WERE REARRESTED, CAROLIPIO STATES THAT ONE OF THREE HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD; OTHERS ARE APPARENTLY STILL JAILED. CAROLIPIO STATES THAT HIS ARMY BROTHER-IN-LAW HAD INFORMATION THAT CAROLIPIO TOO WOULD BE ARRESTED. CAROLIPIO ALSO SAYS HIS EX-WIFE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS AND BECAUSE OF THIS SHE MOVED TO ILIGAN CITY.

4. CAROLIPIO STATES BECAUSE OF ABOVE HE FEARS HE WOULD BE JAILED SHOULD HE RETURN TO PHILIPPINES.

5. MANY OF CAROLIPIO'S STATEMENTS ARE CONTRADICTORY. DEPT ONLY VAGUELY RECALLS DETAILS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST LAUREL, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY CAN SHED ON THIS. INGERSOLL

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